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Recommendations and Problems

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Standard NIS bases are revised, their terrain plates become obsolete. The latest base to be revised sufficiently to preclude further use of the old terrain plates is India. We consider this a serious problem which should be discussed with the idea of redoing those terrain plates affected. This type may have many uses outside of the NIS and it would be unfortunate if it were offewed to become unavailable for intelligence uses. The main problem is that of finding men-hours to devote to the up during of the terrain plates. It is recommended 25X1A9a

raises the following question:

The request from Senator Gruening above points up the desirability of revising the Antarctic discovery and claims map (25554), which has been reproduced in the press and was used recently in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee during the hearings on the Antarctic internationalization treaty. The map is out of date, and, when so used, puts the U.S. in a bad light, leaving the impression that we do not know, or wish to ignore, the recent extensive activities of both ourselves and the Soviets in the Antarctic. The Soviets, meanwhile, have published a very detailed map covering activity up through 1959 (perhaps 1960 in some instances). Furthermore, all maps such as 25554, showing Antarctic claims, should be put on restricted distribution in accordance with DCI desires as expressed to the OCB in February 1960. A new version of 25554 should accordingly omit the claims plate. In view of present priorities in D/GG, it might be useful to explore the possibility of the map being prepared by the National Science Foundation or by Mr. Dater in the Antarctic office.

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and that of means a break of about nine months in the geographic activities in South America.

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